

OUR PLATFORM.

"Such Constitution and Laws as will effectually secure the civil and political rights of all persons—no Grant's Message, April 7th, 1899.

Which means restoration of civil government; no proscription; universal amnesty and Equal Rights before the law to all, denial of justice to none; no exclusive emoluments or privileges to any class; taxation with representation.

And to the end that all persons, white and black, rich and poor, may enjoy the full benefits of free government and the fruits of their toil, we will add: Low Taxes and an economical government.

CARPET-BAGGERS' PLATFORM.

PROSCRIPTION.—In proof of which, see Franchise clause No. 7, of the Eggleston Constitution, permanently establishing test oath excluding from suffrage and holding office a large class of capable and meritorious citizens irrespective of party, who are nevertheless saddled with the burdens of government. Consequently it means: Disfranchisement; Class Legislation; Exclusive privileges; Taxation WITHOUT Representation.

STATE TICKET.

National Union Republican Party.

FOR GOVERNOR,
LOUIS DENT,
OF COAHOMA.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
ELZA JEFFORDS,
OF ADAMS.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,
THOMAS MCCLURE,
OF COPIAH.

FOR AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS,
ANDREW W. WILLS,
OF THIRINGO.

FOR STATE TREASURER,
JOSEPH MCCLAY,
OF HINDS.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,
ROBERT LOWRY,
OF RABKIN.

FOR SUP'T OF PUBLIC EDUCATION,
THOMAS GATHRIGHT,
OF NOXUBEE.

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS.

FIRST DIST.—J. L. WOFFORD.
SECOND DIST.—WM. KELLOGG.
THIRD DIST.—SCHUYLER B. STEERS.
FOURTH DIST.—A. C. FISK.
FIFTH DIST.—L. S. BRONN.

LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS.

FOR STATE SENATOR.
In the District composed of the Counties of Hinds, Rankin and Simpson,
HENRY PATTERSON,
W. F. FITZGERALD,
HINDS COUNTY.
NOR REPRESENTATIVES.
J. D. MOFFITT, KNOX JONES,
U. A. JAMES, A. B. WILSON, MILLER,
Rankin County.
FOR REPRESENTATIVES.
THOS. MAXEY, ALBERT NORMAN.

GEN. W. T. MARTIN IN THE FIELD.—Gen. Martin has accepted a nomination for the Legislature from the Union Republicans of Adams county, and is making a glorious fight, in the cause of truth, justice and peace. Technically he is disqualified, but as he truly remarks, "if unqualified, he is the order of the day, I will be permitted to serve." The Radicals themselves have set the example of nominating ineligible men. Witness the cases of Hancock, Chandler and Bennett.

RADICAL ROUTE AT GRENADA.

ITINERANT RADICALS REFUSE A JOINT DISCUSSION AT GRENADA.

The Colored People Demand a Hearing for Walhall and Barksdale, the Conservative Champions.

Itinerant Flayed out and the Meeting Adjourned with Cheers for Dent.

Special to the Clarion.

GRENADA, Miss., Nov. 24, 1899.

Editor Clarion: The Radicals announced for a meeting here to-day. We learned it rather by accident last night. Gen. Walhall and Capt. Barksdale swooped down on them this morning, and publicly, in the face of the crowd, proposed a joint discussion, either one or two on a side. This was refused. One Hill and Sheridan were the Radical speakers, and when they had finished, each made a few words to the voters for Gen. Walhall and Capt. Barksdale, who after prolonged calls appeared in the order last named and flayed the Radical speakers, exposing them to the contempt of the colored voters as hired hirelings. The crowd was well pleased, cheering for Dent.

The Richmond Enquirer states that "negro labor is almost daily leaving Virginia for the cotton and sugar plantations of the South—leaving in gangs of from eight to a hundred; and that labor agents are actively at work to engage negroes, not only for field purposes, but also for railroads.

Referring to the condition of Tennessee since the defeat and final flight of the carpet-bag plunderers, the Courier-Journal says: "The day for revenges is over. 'The day when a Governor could lament 'that the war ended too soon, and find a 'ready response in both Houses of the 'Assembly, has gone by. Quiet now 'reigns, and with it security and law for 'all men who pay taxes, fear God and 'keep the peace.'"

Frivolous Certificates.

A Marshal county correspondent of the Avalanche mentions a well-grounded belief that nearly all the Radical freedmen in that county have applied for and received duplicate certificates of registration (on the false plea that they had "lost" those they obtained last year) with the purpose, of making fraudulent use of them at the approaching elections. The game is to import voters on the eve of the election to use these duplicate certificates in the interest of the Radical ticket. Challengers are admonished to be on the look out for them.

"MARSHAL NEY."—When Gen. Lowry challenged the Radical candidate for Governor, to discussion at Gallatin, on the chosen ground of the "Marshal," and in the midst of his "back-ers, he promptly responded, Ney!

Registration Statistics—Alcorn's Figures.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

Alcorn shakes the rod of his boasted black majority over the heads of the white people of the State. In one breath he claims that, "all the colored men of Mississippi are at my (his) back." And in another that they are in a majority of "thirty thousand," and that "they constitute the political power of the State."

The object of this audacious boast is apparent. In plain English, it means, you must consent to turn your State government over to the hungry adventurers who have conspired with J. L. Alcorn to get control of your lives, liberty and earnings, or you shall be made to feel the rod which I hold over your heads. In no event would their malignant bluster deter them from the conscientious discharge of their duty. But it is harmless when coupled with the knowledge that it is without truth. The majority of colored voters is not "thirty thousand." We doubt if it is more than one-third that number. In the original registration under Gen. Ord., when very many white persons declined to register, the majority in round numbers was 13,000. Subsequently the registration list was revised; and it is known that in many counties, the colored majority was overcome. The revised list has never been published. The Radicals are circulating a bogus list which sets down the colored majority at 21,000, nine thousand less than Alcorn's estimate. This revised list is not permitted to be light; but in addition to the original list showing the colored majority to have been 13,000, we have other data which afford the means of a correct estimate of the number of voters of the two races. By the census of 1886, the population of the State was as follows:

White, 348,460.
Black, 381,258.

Estimating one male adult above 21 years of age in every five inhabitants and we have

Blacks, 76,251.
Whites, 68,694.

According to an estimate published in the Pilot there are 4,600 whites who are disfranchised in this election, leaving 64,094 white voters—against 76,251 colored, and leaving a majority of only 12,057 for the latter.

These figures approximate a true estimate of the white vote of the State, we have the authority of Gen. Alcorn himself, as furnished in the very address in which he indulges his valiant boast of the "thirty thousand majority which is 'at his back.'" On page 12, he speaks of "19,500 slave-owners shaping (before 'the war) the legislation of Mississippi to 'their own purposes by dominating a 'voting population of seventy thousand 'whites.'" In this enumeration, Alcorn for once, is nearly correct. In 1860 the combined vote of Breckinridge, Bell and Douglas, was 69,129; and it is not questioned that the number of males within the voting age is as large now as in 1860.

So much for Alcorn's boast, and his reliability as a statistician.

Military Commissions Virtually at an End.

We may congratulate the people of the State that these instruments of Radical tyranny are virtually destroyed. This is the practical effect of the arrangement between the Supreme Court and the Executive in the Yegre case. The knowledge that the Court would decide against military commissions in time of peace are in violation of the Constitution of the United States, and that E. M. Yegre is illegally restrained of his liberty by military authority, has induced the Attorney General to pledge that he shall be "sur-rendered to the civil authorities when the State shall have been reconstructed." Henceforward there need be no apprehension by citizens of trial and punishment by military courts. The power of the military rulers will exhaust itself in the arrest of citizens at discretion; and this is as purely arbitrary and unauthorized as their trial and punishment by the same tribunals; but our despot here is acting on the principle that might makes right and there is no present relief.

It is to be regretted that the arrangement at the case of Yegre was effected at all. Otherwise, a decision would have been rendered which would have instantly tore up, root and branch, the whole system of military government. Nevertheless a great point has been gained.

A Public Enemy.

He is an enemy of mankind who engages in the work of dividing a community into classes and of encouraging one of the divisions thus created to make war on the others. That Alcorn is guilty of this crime against humanity, is attested by an address which he has issued dated Nov. 10th, inst. Assuming what is not true that there once existed a prejudice between the former slave-owners and those whom he calls "working whites," he tells the latter that "19,500 slave-owners 'shaped the legislation of Mississippi to 'their own purposes by dominating a voting 'population of 70,000 whites.'" Professing to write history, he says that the slave-owner "was no friend of public education," and he declares that "the 'small farmer who had been dragooned 'formerly by an insidious oligarchy will refuse to vote any more in the interest of 'the few.'"

Alcorn himself belonged to the class whom he denounces as the "insidious oligarchy," who tyrannized over the "working whites," and were not friendly to their education, and we are not prepared to state the motives that influenced his own course as a public man; but we appeal from his random raving as the leading champion of ultra Radicalism, to the past history of the State which triumphantly vindicates it from his calumnious imputation. If an "insidious oligarchy" ruled and rode rough-shod over the liberties of the rest of the community, why did he not make the discovery when the abuse existed? Why wait until he became the help-mate of such public enemies as Castello, Percé, Lynch, and others of that kind?

There is no time left for idleness, now. The hours between this and the election, are few. Active and united effort insures deliverance from Radical rule.

The Copiah Outrage—The Alcorn Party Responsible.

The records of military despotism in the South afford no more wanton and atrocious outrages than the imprisonment of twenty or thirty of the peaceable and law-abiding citizens of Copiah, without shadow of cause, by a drunken upstart clothed with enough authority to commit the act. As usual before the arrival of the trains a number of citizens of the town of Hazlehurst had assembled on the platform, when this man rode into the midst and with rude language and menacing gesture commanded them to disperse. At the same time he ordered some colored men, with obscene language and horrid oaths, who were loitering near by, to arm themselves to shoot down citizens at his beck. This order the colored men treated with contempt. The citizens held their peace, and notwithstanding the provocation, offered no resentment. In a brief time, without notice, or any assignable cause whatever, they were arrested and thrown into prison. These citizens are all conservative voters, and as none of them had violated the public peace, the only reasonable inference is that they are imprisoned to prevent them from voting. Dr. Hanslow, one of the parties, is a candidate for the Legislature on the Conservative ticket. The outrage will stimulate the good people of Copiah to renewed effort. Even the blacks are disgusted. The Alcorn party is responsible for it. Ames is the head of the party and his understrapper did the deed!

A Specimen of Radical Tyranny.

One or two country stores in South Carolina have been burnt recently, and Scott, the carpet-bag Governor, has made the preceding the occasion of the issuance of a blood-thirsty proclamation, threatening a more vigorous application of the bayonet to the down-trodden people of that State than they have yet experienced. The Charleston News calls this passing strange, coming as it does from an official, who already, in the brief period of his own administration, has turned loose upon the community more robbers, incendiaries and cut-throats than were ever before pardoned by all the Governors that have figured in the history of South Carolina. His carpet-bag Excellency sends forth from the penitentiary and other prisoners all the many convicted burners and murderers that have been in confinement, and then wants a most remorseless dynasty of the bayonet and bullet established because burning and murder are on foot in the State. He unmuzzles mad dogs and would punish the whole people because some are bitten.

The outrages which are perpetrated in South Carolina will be brought home to the people of Mississippi in the event of the success of the Ames-Alcorn faction.

The Twenty Millions Speculation.

The Vicksburg Times mentions the explosion of a plot of the Radical tricksters by a corrupt combination to effect the withdrawal of Dent and a concentration on Alcorn in the interest of speculators who have invested in the repudiated Union and Planters bonds, amounting in the aggregate to \$20,000,000. It learns that large amounts of these depreciated securities are on deposit here in Jackson, and that the scheme is to impose a tax on the people to pay the whole debt, dollar for dollar, after the example of the Radical manœuvre in Arkansas, of which our readers have been advised. That such a speculation is meditated, and will be attempted to be carried into execution by the harpies in the event of the success of the Alcorn ticket, we have not a shadow of doubt. But we are confident that the thirty pieces of silver were not rattled in the ears of any Conservative hereabouts, although the Times lays the scene of the grand swindle here in Jackson.

Let the tax-payers of Mississippi be warned in time.

The Disturbances in Sunflower.

We publish in another column a clear, and authentic statement of the recent disturbances in Sunflower county, and the causes which led to it. The report of Col. Sommerville is substantiated by unimpeachable testimony. These documents fix the responsibility directly on Combs and the Sunflower officials, and indirectly on Ames himself who has been rendered guilty of the lawless conduct of Combs and co-incendiaries and appealed to restrain them. There are limits to human forbearance; even the worm will sting when trodden upon. The wonder is that the outraged citizens were not sooner tempted to resist the violence of the desperadoes.

For these proceedings, involving whole communities in trouble, the party lead by Alcorn, Castello, Powers & Co., is responsible. Their leaders have fanned the fires which have developed into raging flames, endangering life and destroying the peace of communities.

THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

Section 25 of "General Provisions" of the proposed Constitution provides that "Representatives in Congress to fill the 'existing vacancies shall be elected at 'the same time this Constitution is sub-'mitted for ratification, and for the full 'term succeeding their election, &c.'" Therefore, to secure Conservative Republican members of the succeeding Congress, as well as of the present, candidates should be elected to both. Thus, for example, the tickets should be printed:

For 41st Congress—4th District,
A. C. FISK.

For 42nd Congress—4th District,
A. C. FISK.

The way Ames intends giving a fair election. Every registrar appointed in some of the counties are Radicals.

Judge Hudson and Mr. Higginbotham have closed a list of appointments through the central counties. We are assured that their labors have been attended with the most satisfactory results.

Remember that a vote for Alcorn, or a vote for R. C. Powers, carpet-bagger of the Malignant Radical strip,

Information Wanted.

In his address of Nov. 10th, Alcorn says that before he accepted the nomination of Castello, Stringer & Co., "these (gubernatorial, we suppose he means) honors lay ready at my hand to be plucked by me with the support of either party." And adds in effect that the conservatives tendered him "their devoted service in accomplishing his (his) elevation, &c." Now, we meet this statement with an emphatic denial. We defy him to the proof. We assert that among all the Conservative voters in Mississippi, he cannot name one who was authorized to speak for the party, that tendered him the nomination for Governor. That honor belongs exclusively to the minions of Ames.

Third District—General Duncan Withdraws in Favor of S. B. Steers.

A despatch from J. W. Booth, Esq., of Winona, the next friend of General Duncan, informs us that he has withdrawn in favor of Hon. S. B. Steers, of Columbus, one of the staunchest and best men in the District. Where lies his best known, the people of all classes are supporting him with unexampled zeal. We would urge our friends who reside in the Western counties of the District to unite on Steers with the Conservatives of the East, and spare the District the shame of Barry's election.

AN IMPROVEMENT ON ALBORN.—Yeoman, the carpet-bag candidate for the Legislature in Wayne, (and, by way, of mongrel Convention notoriety) on being pressed hard by a Conservative Committee for joint discussions with Mr. Little his opponent, evaded the proposition in a style which is a decided improvement on Alcorn's declension of Lowry's invitation at Gallatin. Yeoman said:

"With all possible respects, and in answer, must say that my province of utility consist in the present, and not in the momentary noise, for a fleeting moment."

WM. YEOMAN.

Rev. (Gen.) M. P. Lowery, the distinguished Baptist Clergyman of Tippah county, addresses a letter, which is published in the Ripley Advertiser, to Capt. Stricklin, Conservative candidate for the State Senate, contradicting a report that he is opposing him, and adding: "If 'I were disposed to run for office, I would 'not run in opposition to Capt. Stricklin, 'as I am in sympathy with the party that 'he so ably represents."

FANATICAL CANT.—In Alcorn's address of Nov. 10th, he says that in former times the "small farmers" were dragooned by an insidious oligarchy—"referring to the slave-owners. The man is mad. He insults our people by the use of the stale slang of Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Old John Brown and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

The Canvass in Calhoun.

DUNCAN ON THE WAR-PATH.

PITTSBORO, CALHOUN COUNTY, November 24, 1899.

This was a grand day for "old Calhoun." Col. H. L. Duncan, of Water Valley, Conservative candidate for the Senate in the 21st Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Yazouba and Calhoun, and Capt. A. T. Roane, Conservative candidate for the Legislature in this county, spoke here to-day.

Col. Duncan spoke more than an hour in one of his happiest strains. Radicalism, he said, is the worst enemy we have, and the few puny followers of that spawn of corruption, J. L. Alcorn, were scattered like chaff before the wind. Duncan is the right man in the right place. He and Roane have made a thorough canvass in this county, and the "free State of Calhoun" is in a blaze. Capt. Roane followed in a speech full of logic, eloquence and fire. Well may Calhoun be proud of the stalwart orator, A. T. Roane. With such men as Duncan and Roane as our standard-bearers, Radicalism is not the most of a chance in Calhoun will roll up a majority of at least 500 for the Dent ticket.

Tennessee—"Colored Man's Rights."

Our readers have already seen by letters from THE CLARION'S Tennessee correspondents that the colored people are secure in their political and civil privileges in that State and that there is universal rejoicing among them over their deliverance from their Radical plunderers and oppressors. The following letter from Hon. Emerson Etheridge, the Conservative leader in that State, to Mr. Mangum of Yazoo county, contradicts certain reports set afloat by Radical scoundrels in this State to advance their interests:

SENATE CHAMBER,
NASHVILLE, NOV. 10th, 1899.

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 5th inst. is received. There is not one word of truth in any report that the Tennessee Legislature had passed a bill restricting the rights of colored people "or that a bill had been passed prohibiting that class of citizens from holding property unless through the agency of white men." I am informed by the Legislature touching the rights of colored people, while that body is in session, has been said upon the subject, "I do not believe anything will be said. I am sure nothing will be done."

Yours truly,
EMERSON ETHERIDGE.

W. H. MANCUM, Yazoo City, Miss.

The Plot makes a great ado over the rejection by the Tennessee Legislature of the 15th amendment. The Plot knows that this action does not effect the right of the negro to vote in that State. It simply means that Tennessee is unwilling to interfere with the question of suffrage in other States. We have excellent Radical authority for declaring that the conservatives of Tennessee will secure the colored men in the enjoyment of their political rights—the Cincinnati Commercial, which says:

The vote in the House, yesterday, on the fifteenth Amendment, affords no criterion as to the sentiment of the Legislature on the negro question. While that body is in session, it is an undoubted assumption of power, on the part of the Federal Government, to insist that out of the one hundred and nine members composing the body, there are no over ten or eleven who favor withdrawal of natural rights from the negro. It is quite certain that the coming Constitutional Convention will enact a provision in the new Constitution guaranteeing the elective franchise to the colored man.

A TASTE OF THE ARKANSAS HORROR.

We learn that some of the Arkansas militia have actually been imported into this State to lord it over the people. This is but the beginning of the end if the Radicals are permitted to carry the election.

Are you in favor of a house and a capitol-judiciary? Vote the Dent ticket.

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